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APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to appoint public health experts in the rural areas in the States for effective implementation of various healthcare schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the benefits likely to accrue as a result thereof;and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): Yes Sir.Under the National Rural Health Mission, capacity building of Health system for programme planning, implementation and monitoring has been undertaken at all levels.Towards this goal,NRHM has supported provisioning of key skills in all programmes at all levels.This support is provided as per felt needs which are included by the states in their Annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIP). Public health experts have also been positioned as part of this initiative. These experts assist the blocks and districts in undertaking resource mapping, identification of critical gaps and preparation of decentralized plans for compensating the gaps and addressing the epidemiology of respective district or state. They also handhold implementation of various strategies and monitoring of outcomes. Support for training in public health management is also being extended under NRHM.

The programme Management Units under NRHM,which comprise management,accounts,IT and health experts have enhanced the capacity of districts and blocks to implement various programme interventions which constitute NRHM.Many states have also positioned architects for better management of public health infrastructure,Human Resource Managers to manage the Public health cadres and experts from Medical Colleges to assist in monitoring and evaluation of pogrammes. These skills have substantially improved the implementation of programmes and accelerated the achievement of goals of NRHM.